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KANSAS MAN CHARGED WITH METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Stanley, Kan., man was charged in federal court today with possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Douglas R. Magee, 31, of Stanley, was charged in a federal criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City with possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. **Magee**, who had an initial court appearance this afternoon, remains in federal custody.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, law enforcement officers arrested **Magee** at approximately 1:18 a.m. today at the intersection of Red Bridge Road and Wabash Avenue in Kansas City. **Magee** was initially observed driving erratically in a 1997 Lexus LS 400 by an off-duty Kansas City patrol officer, the affidavit says, who called dispatch to have **Magee** stopped. When officers contacted **Magee**, he appeared to be passed out and his vehicle was stopped in the middle of the intersection.

After conducting a search of the vehicle, the affidavit says, law enforcement officers found a backpack containing \$16,980 and a Norelco razor pouch containing an additional \$2,880. The backpack also contained 420 grams of methamphetamine, 2.8 grams of cocaine and five grams of marijuana. Law enforcement officers also found a Beretta .22-caliber handgun, loaded with four rounds of ammunition, in the front passenger seat rear pouch, and silencer for a large caliber firearm on the floorboard behind the driver's seat.

According to the affidavit, after today's arrest **Magee** escaped from his cell at South Patrol Division by kicking out a plexiglass window, and attempted to leave through the sallyport.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html